



NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION

August Minutes
 Wednesday, August 17, 2022
 Novi Library Local History

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 pm

ATTENDANCE: Rachel Manela, Kathy Crawford, Dan Pierce, Debbie Wrobel, Sharon Larson, Kim Nice

ABSENT: Kelly Kasper

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Betty Lang (Library Liaison), Sue Grifor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ALL APPROVED

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES: APPROVED

TREASURERS REPORT- Kim

NOVI HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT - 2022/2023

| | BUDGET | EXPENDITURES Through August 17, 2022 | |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Display Cabinet Exhibit | \$ 900 | \$ - | |
| Marketing/Brochures/Engage/Name Badges | \$ 1,100 | \$ - | |
| Equipment/Supplies/Office/Upgrades/Repairs | \$ 1,200 | \$ - | |
| Program/Speaker Fees | \$ 900 | \$ - | |
| Storage Unit | \$ 2,800 | \$ (2,652.00) | |
| Acquisition (Books/Materials) | \$ 500 | \$ - | |
| Conference/Continuing Education | \$ 2,000 | \$ (50.00) | |
| Legal Fees | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | |
| Special Projects Examples: Villa Barr, Photography, Veterans Sign, Oral Histories, City/Community Events, Motor City Marker) | \$ 3,600 | \$ - | |
| Total: | \$ 14,000 | \$ (2,702.00) | \$ 11,298 |
| Equitable Projects | Expenditures | Revenue Received | \$0.00 YTD |
| Villa Barr Book Sales YTD | | | |
| Wreaths Across Novi Project | | | \$ 798.34 carryover funds |

A draft budget will be presented and reviewed at the October Commission Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: ALL APPROVED

Proposed Budget: ALL APPROVED

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT:

Historic District Commissioner Training:

Livonia Historic Preservation Commission is hosting an event on enabling legislation that allows a Michigan community to establish a commission and make commission decisions and more. The event is at Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Alexander Blue House in Livonia.

Northville Genealogical Society:

Betty has reached out to the Northville Genealogical Society to confirm if we will they will continue to participate in History Room Hours post-Summer (Starting in Sept.)

2023 Commission Meeting Calendar:

City of Novi is looking to for confirmation that the Historical Commission will be having meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. The Commission confirmed this was the plan.

Commission Appointments:

Kathy Crawford volunteered to meet with a 13-year-old boy who is interested in learning about the pioneers of Novi, the city's historical building and key events.

History Room Office Hours:

Monday 9/19 (6-8p.m.): Kim Nice

Monday, 10/3 (12-2 p.m.): Debbie Wrobel and Kathy Crawford

Monday, 10/17 (6-8p.m.): Dan Pierce and Sharon Larson

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**Novi Historical Sites Brochure Review:**

Dan Pierce presented the revised copy for the Historical Sites Brochure. Next steps include reaching out to the City of Novi to try and get the original brochure's electronic file to allow for updated design and layout.

Novi Cemeteries Booklet:

Kelly Kasper will present an update on the booklet's progress at the September meeting. Sharon Larson volunteered to help support the project.

Miniature Project:

The Fox Run wood shop manager provided names of residents interested in helping with project. The group, and anyone interested in helping, will meet in the History Room at 1 p.m. (Sept. 13).

Historical Commission Cabinet:

Kim Nice and Sue Grifor will be putting up a display on the prohibition era to compliment the September speaker. There will be no updated display between November – January.

Novi Cemetery Sign Removal/Fix:

Kathy Crawford will ask the City of Novi what vendor they use for signs. The Commission voted to change the logo on the cemetery sign to be the Novi Historical Commission logo. The Knapp Cemetery sign should also use the Novi Historical Commission logo. The new signs will not mention specific names of veterans on it but highlight the wars that they fought in.

Upcoming Historical Programs:

- Wed. Sept. 28 – High Times in the Dry times
- Wed. Oct. 26 – History of Willow Run
- Wed. February 22 – Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad
- Thursday March 23 – Ladies of the Lights (lighthouse keepers)
- Wed. April 27 – The LGBTQ community in the Labor Movement
- Wed. May 26 – A Reenactor who portrays a disguised female Union soldier

ONGOING PROJECTS:

The storage unit visit has been moved to Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Crawford has donated a copy of the 1920 Novi Baptist Ladies Cookbook and an original 1989 Novi Historical Brochure.

Sharon Larson recommended doing a program around the Erwin Orchard. The Commission will reach out to the family to gauge interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: 8:56 p.m.